



February 16, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19: No School - President's Day  
February 20: Arizona Youth Survey- 8th Grade  
February 21: PTSO Restaurant Night- Someburro's  
February 23: AVID 7 Field Trip to EVIT  
February 26: CCD Field Trip to Phoenix Zoo  
February 27: AVID 8 Field Trip to EVIT  
February 28-March 1: Parent/Teacher Conferences

[View Full Calendar](#)



**NO SCHOOL MONDAY 2/19**

**President's Day**

**Enjoy your 3-day weekend!**

**A+ 4-Peat! The only middle school in AZ to achieve this!**  
**Congrats on another A+ designation.**



## Super Students

Congratulations to Aprende's Super Students, recognized by the Superintendent for demonstrating the competencies from the Portrait of a Kyrene Kid.

6th Grader- Reema Abuzkhar  
8th Grader- Jaylah Smith



## Perfect Attendance February









Any student who has perfect attendance in February will receive FREE DBacks tickets! Family members will receive tickets at a discounted rate.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCORE PERFECT CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY 2024

**FEBRUARY 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day 	3 Elmo's Birthday
4 Rosa Parks' Birthday	5 Hank Aaron's Birthday	6 Babe Ruth's Birthday	7 Send a Card to a Friend Day	8 Boy Scouts Day	9 National Pizza Day	10 National Umbrella Day 
11 Superbowl Sunday	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 	13 Fat Tuesday	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday	16 National Innovation Day 	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
18 World Whale Day 	19 President's Day	20 National Leadership Day	21 National Grain-Free Day	22 George Washington's Birthday	23 D-backs First Spring Training Game 	24 National Dance Day
25 National Chocolate-Covered Nut Day	26 National Bacon Day	27 International Polar Bear Day 	28 National Science Day	29 Leap Day		

## Tax Credit Donations

### Tax Time is Here!

Please consider making a tax credit donation to help support some of the following at Aprende: Performing Arts, Athletics, Clubs, AVID, Field Trips, etc.

These programs help develop well-rounded students, who in turn, build strong communities. Arizona statute allows individuals to donate \$200 and couples to donate \$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. The deadline for tax credit donations is April 15, 2024. You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#).

Click [here](#) for instructions on the payment portal.

Thank you for your continued support!

**MAKE A  
TAX CREDIT  
DONATION  
TODAY!**



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PTSO Fundraiser



EST. *Someburros* 1986

**RAISING \$\$**  
**NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!**

*On the day of the event,*  
**SOMEBURROS WILL DONATE 30%**

OF ALL PRE-TAXED FOOD SALES FROM ANY GUEST  
THAT PRESENTS THIS FUNDRAISING FLYER, OR  
MENTIONS THE ORGANIZATION UPON CHECKOUT

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**DATE:**

2.21.2024

**LOCATION:**

3461 W. Frye Rd. Chandler, AZ 85226

**PHONE:**

480-726-8226



OUR FAMOUS POLLO FUNDIDO

In February, Kyrene will participate in the Arizona Youth Survey, an anonymous statewide prevention needs assessment for middle and high school students conducted by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. 8th grade parents, please review details and opt in or out for your child's participation in ParentVUE. This survey will be conducted near the end of February.

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## Quarter 4 Sports

***REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR QUARTER 4 SPORTS!***

***QUARTER 4 SPORTS INCLUDE: BOYS BASEBALL AND TRACK & FIELD***

Make sure to complete the online registration forms and turn in your up to date physical.

Health Insurance is mandatory to participate!

**Please note the Deadline for Baseball registration is Friday, 3/8 at Noon.**

**There will be NO Exceptions to the 3/8 Registration Deadline.**

**Baseball try-outs will be Tues 3/26, Thurs 3/28 & Fri 3/29 from 3:30-5:30pm.**

**First day of Practice for Track & Field will be Tuesday, 3/26.**

**Practices will be Monday-Thursdays 6:25-7:55am.**

Sports Registration Link: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

Current physical: Every student registered to participate in a sport will also need a signed current physical uploaded to In-Touch.

Optional Insurance Company Link: <https://myers-stevens.com/>

Instructions on how to enroll for the Optional Insurance Company.

## Quarter 3 Sports

**BOYS SOCCER**

**JV Boys Soccer** had a tough start to the week with a 1-3 loss against Altadena but won against KMS 2-1! All players did incredibly well and we look forward to playing Akimel tonight! We have had a great season and look forward to starting the tournament on 02/22!

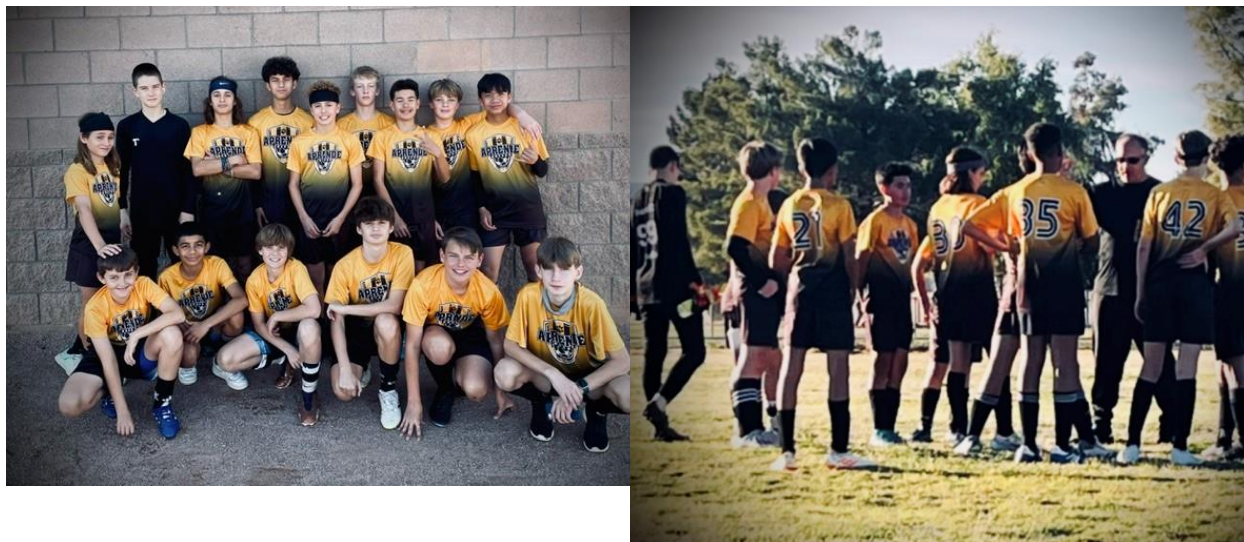
Fun, exciting, competitive matches this week for the Aprende **Boys Varsity Soccer** team. The week began with a challenging match against KMS where Aprende had many scoring opportunities but just could not equalize the final score. Then, after traveling to Akimel and playing really good soccer, the match ended in a draw mostly due to Akimel's solid goalkeeper. On Thursday, the team was back on the bus to Pueblo where they played great soccer, connected passes, developed plays, created many scoring opportunities and found the back of the net multiple times.

While we appreciate and celebrate the goals and goal scorers; we also greatly respect the defensive unit for stepping to every ball, challenging every play, making the necessary tackles and disrupting the opposition. The team is connecting and moving the ball really well and playing with intention. It is fun to see the spirit and inspiration that is on display at each match. The team continues to support and encourage each other to strive to be the best version of themselves.

Thank you to everybody (players, families and friends) for the enthusiasm, support and positive energy. The team continues to improve with each training session and each match. There are plenty of areas that we still need to diligently work on, but there is also plenty of greatness that we can (and should) acknowledge. Proud and appreciative of everybody's strong work ethic and trust in each other and the process.

Please come out to a JV and/or varsity soccer match to support the Aprende teams.





## ***GIRLS BASKETBALL***

**JV Girls Basketball** played a tough first half to take a 2-point halftime lead vs Centennial. We came out strong in the second half to take an 11-point lead and win the game 16-11.

The JV Girls got a speedy start to take a commanding 16-point lead at the half vs Akimel A-al. In the second half we kept the pressure on to get the victory 40 to 10.

Next game is at Altadena on Tuesday February 20th @ 4:30 pm.

Go Jags!

**Varsity Girls Basketball** got another win over KMS 32 - 76 bringing their record to 5 - 1. Way to start the season off now let's finish strong.

Varsity had another win over Akimel score was 60 - 33. With the starting point guard JJ leading the team in scoring, Sophia leading in three point shots and Aliyah leading the way on defense. Let's go Girls !

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette, [aviolette@kyrene.org](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org) or Loreth Vergara [lvergara@kyrene.org](mailto:lvergara@kyrene.org) 480-541-6203

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

Address: 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226

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**Spring Break Sports Camp**



*Spring Break*

# SPORTS CAMP

**MARCH 11TH**

**THRU**

**MARCH 15TH**

**7AM-4PM**

**@ APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*777 North Desert Breeze Blvd E, Chandler, AZ 85226*

**4TH-8TH GRADERS**

*Main Focus:*

**SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL**

*Register now!*

**[WWW.KYRENE.ORG/REGISTER](http://WWW.KYRENE.ORG/REGISTER)**

Looking for a summer of FUN? Kyrene Community Education provides high-quality opportunities for students to continue learning and exploring after the school year ends. 6-8 grade students can take part in Summer Academy, which includes courses related to STEM, coding, the arts and more. Students can also participate in After Hours, Adventure Tours and Sports Camp! Learn more online at [www.kyrene.org/summeroptions](http://www.kyrene.org/summeroptions). Enrollment will begin March 4!



**SUMMER 2024  
WITH KYRENE**

**AFTER HOURS** **ADVENTURE TOURS**  
**SUMMER ACADEMY** **SPORTS CAMP**

***ENROLLMENT BEGINS MARCH 4!***

**KYRENE  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a dark blue background. The top section contains the text 'SUMMER 2024 WITH KYRENE' in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below this, there are four rounded rectangular buttons in yellow, green, orange, and blue, each containing one of the program names: 'AFTER HOURS', 'ADVENTURE TOURS', 'SUMMER ACADEMY', and 'SPORTS CAMP'. The bottom section has a white background with the text 'ENROLLMENT BEGINS MARCH 4!' in bold, dark blue, italicized letters. At the very bottom, there is a dark blue bar containing the Kyrene Community Education logo, which consists of the words 'KYRENE', 'COMMUNITY', and 'EDUCATION' in blue, with a stylized orange figure in the center.



### New Website Coming Soon!

Our school will soon be getting a whole new look! This March, Kyrene School District will be launching new district and school websites with improved search, simplified navigation and modern design. The new site will launch over spring break to minimize disruption for families. Thank you to everyone who took the web design survey or participated in focus groups. We look forward to bringing your vision to life! [Visit us online](#) to learn more about the key features of our new site.

## Enroll in Arizona's Top Elementary District

**Enrollment is now open for the 2024-25 school year.**

### Open Enrollment

Kyrene School District offers online enrollment for new students and any student applying to change schools. New or transferring students who live outside of a school's boundaries must fill out an application via the online registration portal. Open Enrollment must be approved before registration is considered final.

### Current Students

Current families with no school changes and no new students will not need to re-register. Children in grades K-4 and 6-7 will continue to be registered at the same school they currently attend. Current 5th graders will automatically be registered at the middle school assigned to follow their current elementary school.

Families who want to make an enrollment change to a school other than the one assigned are strongly encouraged to submit applications for your preferred school by **January 15**. To make a change, log into your ParentVUE account and select the “change school” option.

For **current families with new students** entering school, online registration will be available through your existing ParentVUE account.

Kyrene looks forward to welcoming your students next year!

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## **Kyrene Positive Parenting - February Presentations**

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

### **Feb. 20: Presentations by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Raising Special Kids (RSK)**

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Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Raising Special Kids (RSK). They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.

**Presenter:** TBD

**Date and Time:**

February 20, 2024

5:30-7:00pm

**Location:**

Waggoner Elementary School

1050 E. Carver Road

Tempe, AZ 85284

**Hosted By:**  
Kyrene Exceptional Student Services Department

## **Kyrene Positive Parenting - Special Event**

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

### **Mar. 25 - May 13 - Raising a Reader**

#### **Free Early Literacy Workshops for your Family**

Raising A Reader is a national program designed to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of early literacy skills and how they can help build these skills in their young children to help them

enter school ready to learn. Parents attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children 0-5 years-old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 high-quality children's books to build their home libraries and are connected to local resources! Southwest Human Development Coordinates Raising A Reader through schools, community centers, libraries, apartment communities, and other convenient locations. All interested parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn more and sign up today!

#### **Presenter:**

#### **Date and Time:**

March 25- May 13, 2024

Mondays 4:30 - 5:30pm

#### **Location:**

Kyrene de las Brisas/Aprende Library

777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd.

Chandler, AZ 85226

#### **To Register:**

Contact Karla - P: (602) 384-0443 E: [kcarmona@swhd.org](mailto:kcarmona@swhd.org)



Parents/guardians are asked to call the 24 hour attendance line 480.541.6201 each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message spelling the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for absence. If a phone call is not received, or if the school has not been able to contact the parent/guardian, the student will be given an unexcused absence.

As a reminder, students who are absent from school the day of an activity MAY NOT attend the activity (i.e. classroom party; a middle school dance or sporting event; an after-school enrichment club; or Kids Club care after school).

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## Student Sign-Out



We understand students will need to be signed out for appointments, etc. Please try to avoid signing out your student after 2:55pm. The last 10 minutes of school tend to be hectic and we appreciate your understanding.

Also, please try to limit the amount of items being dropped off in the front office (water bottles, lunches, sweatshirts). Every time we need to call a classroom, it is disruptive to the class.

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# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Aprende offers a variety of clubs, activities and organizations. Click [here](#) for Club/Activity information.

An Activity Bus is offered on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4:15pm.

A pass is required for transportation. Please fill out & bring to the front office. Students will keep the pass for the entire year. Click [here](#) for Pass/Route information.

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## Wag Wednesdays



Bring your pup to Aprende student drop-off on Wednesdays from 7:50am to 8:15am for a little treat!

Just roll down your window and Staudohar will pop a Bubba Bite into your pup's mouth!

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### Important: Sign up for Text Messages

In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text "Y" or "yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from our school and Kyrene School District.

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### Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
- [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
- [PTSO Information](#)

## Contact Us

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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**Fax:** 480-541-6210  
**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

**School Hours:** 8:20am-3:05pm  
**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm

A+ School of Excellence™

